

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 9th November 2020

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Trevor Hindle, Julie Brook, Dave Mawdsley, Peter Cull, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Simon Freytag.

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Radio interview with Ben Kyd. A link to the full interview has been sent to our marketing group.

(b) Lyme event Jan 2021. Plans are advanced and such that the event can go ahead at short notice if need be. It will be pre-entry but easy to cancel as there will be no pre-payment. Lyme is currently in Tier 2 but most points north are in Tier 3 and ne'er the twain shall meet. Watch this space.

(c) Club kit. Trevor has contacted the supplier and will email club members to find out who wants what. Eddie has a card that allows purchases in euros with no transaction fee. There will also be a note in the Newsletter.

3. Junior Issues: No report.

4. Finance: Peter and Alan (incoming and outgoing treasurers) have met and Peter is installed as a secondary user of the present account and can make payments alone. Alan has already paid Katherine Bett for production of the videos and Peter has not yet had payments to make. The plan is to open a Lloyds account with 2 electronic signatures, as used by LOC for example. However, under current covid restrictions, Lloyds are not opening new accounts so our plans must wait. Peter stated that he was happy to accept scans or photos of receipts from those requiring payment.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Activity/Operation:

(a) Lyme – see 2b above.

(b) CompassSport Cup heat. We were due to stage this in March 2021 at Phillips Park. However, BOF has decided to scrap heats and just stage a 2021 final using last years finalists. Hence we are not involved in either organising or competing. Our March event is now cancelled. We could offer to re-stage the heat in 2022, and will debate this at leisure.

(c) NSL (street league). The current plan is to resume events in January, subject to covid rules, with more frequent events to include some cancelled in the Autumn.

(d) Future Fixtures: Lyme (Jan), High Dam (N Champs May), Macc/Knutsford sprint/urban (Oct weekend), Chris Rostron has additional ideas for spring local events but permissions may be difficult.

In May2022 we aim to stage an urban weekend in central Manchester and at another venue to be decided.

(e) Maprun. Several courses are available and Grahame is happy to consider loan of NSL maps for maprun courses. We could consider offering all GMOA maprun courses for a one-off fee. Our navies site needs updating and Sue intends to update our POC maprun course listing on the BOF website. Pete Ross and John Britton are working on park maprun courses that are intended to allow practice in the techniques explained in the new introductory videos. There will be a simplelists invitation for volunteers to set up maprun events and courses. Dave Mawdsley offered to produce one in Bollington.

5.2: Mapping and Printing:

(a) Manchester urban extension (Ancoats/E of Piccadilly). Trevor has received two quotations for this mapping. Both are acceptable but one is significantly cheaper than the other. The intention is to place an order by the end of November. The intention is to hold the event in October 2022 as part of the UK Urban League but there could be a clash with a Liverpool Eurocity event. Sue will try to clarify the issue with Jean Payne (NW fixtures sec) **Action SB.**

(b) Reserve A4 printer. This could reduce occasional pressure on Eddie, master (and servant?) of our main A3 printer. Trevor agreed to house the new printer and he and Eddie will decide what to buy. A budget of up to £400 was agreed. **Action TH/ES.**

5.3 Marketing: Ian Gilliver sent a detailed note on publicity efforts for the urban adventures coaching videos. Ian, Sarah Brown and others have been very active in approaching orienteering and running clubs, scout groups, the press office of Greater Manchester Boroughs and Cheshire East, local radios, walking groups, magazines and newspapers. Alain Kyd reported a positive response from his PE colleagues. Hence there is much to report to Sport England (who financed the bulk of the project). John Britton reported an increase in POC map sales since the release of the videos, but this cannot be conclusively linked to the videos. The summer lock down definitely led to an increase in demand. A further appeal via simple lists will encourage members to spread the message via personal contacts.

5.4 Membership: The end of November is the deadline for newsletter input.

5.5 Schools: Pete Hayes is currently unable to go into primary schools because of covid restrictions. Teachers have been sent individual coaching material, and a link to the coaching videos, with a request to share this with parents. Ex Fallibroome university students have been sent links to their local POC's. Most other sports are in lock down.

5.6 Performance and Training: John Kewley (JK) ran a zoom course on contours in late October. It was well received though only 5 took part. Two further courses will be held before Christmas. It was agreed that we should pay John a fee but Marie will discuss with him a suitable formula. **Action MR.**

We have 4 people interested in taking a level 2 coaching course, for which we are about to apply for a grant from the Orienteering Foundation. NWOA will also cover 50% of the course costs if notified in advance.

Martin Bagness is running 2 training weekends on high quality lakeland areas, on 30/31 January and 13/14 February, each linked to an event on the second day. These are open to members of NW clubs but covid rules may exclude those in Tier 3 areas, such as most of our members at present. However, if you are over 80, have had the vaccine and can keep up with Martin you may be OK.

Finally, it is a little-known fact that we are the second- best O club in the world!! We were overall 2nd club in the international Torus Cup (an on-line trail O competition), involving well over 300 entrants from many countries. Ben Kyd was an outstanding 6th overall, followed by JK, River Edis-Smith, Dominic, Siobhan Henn, David Wathey, Steve Bingham, Cecilia Fenerty, David Gray and Alain Kyd. Well done, especially the youngsters. More info on the website and newsletter.

A representative from a large insurance company proposes to run an orienteering-based team building exercise for 10 of their apprentices and 10 mentors. They approached us for advice and assistance. Our suggestion is to use the Alderley POC (they are based nearby), use the training videos and possibly plan suitable courses. Eddie will talk to John Britton as to how to proceed.

6. AOB:

(a) Committee on-line voting procedure. It was agreed that there should be a declared cut off time (say 1-2 days), voters should 'reply all', and the result should be recorded in the minutes.

(b) Old green control stakes. These are entirely superseded by the lighter yellow variety at our events. The stores partnership asked what we should do with the old ones -dispose, donate to Fallibroome or other ideas. No decision was forthcoming. It was also noted that the dreaded stores steps have been coated with non-slip paint. The issue has been the most important omission from our risk assessments.

7. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday December 14th 2020.